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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 06, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 8-8-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-8 entitled "District Court"  
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **8-8-3.1. Equitable powers as to housing matters.**

4           (a) In addition to the powers heretofore exercised, the district court and any court created  
5 by municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3(a)(4) is hereby empowered, in furtherance of its  
6 jurisdiction under § 8-8-3(a)(4), to grant such orders, including temporary restraining orders, and  
7 preliminary and permanent injunctions as justice and equity may require.

8           (b) Any court created by municipal ordinance pursuant to §8-8-3(a)(4) is hereby  
9 empowered in furtherance of its jurisdiction to order a building into receivership pursuant to the  
10 provisions of chapter 44 of title 34 ("abandoned property").

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would empower certain municipal housing courts to order a building into  
2 receivership pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44 of title 34, "abandoned property."

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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